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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Milton Damerel Parish Council held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2009. After serving as Chairman for three years Gareth Piper nominated Grace Millman as the Chairman. This was seconded and Grace was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Council for the coming year. Gareth Piper was elected as Vice Chairman.

On 15th April 2009 the Annual Parish Meeting was held when local organisations, especially those that are in receipt of Parish Council grants, give their annual reports to the community. The website www.miltondamerel.com was also highlighted as a useful community resource available to all. The guest speakers were the PCSO's from the local community policing team who passed on useful advice on home security. (see Neighbourhood Watch report)

Regular Parish Council meetings were held in March and also after the two Annual meetings in April and May, in addition the Parish Council met on 30th March for an extra meeting due to volume of work.

Over the last three months the Parish Council have had a large amount of correspondence, consultations and surveys to consider including the Local Needs Assessment of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities which was also sent to a random selection of addresses in the parish for personal completion, Settlement Assessment surveys which will be used in future planning for sustainable communities and the further draft proposals for unitary local government in Devon. The Boundary Committee must provide their advice on this matter to the Secretary of State by 15th July 2009.

The Parish Council were consulted and approved the proposed diversion of the official route of footpath No. 21 at Waldon Farm. The proposed new route will provide a more interesting walk with good views over the Waldon Valley to West Wonford.

On 1st May 2009, following consultations with Parish Councils and the community, Torridge District Council brought into effect Dog Control orders that cover removal of dog faeces, the keeping of dogs on leads by direction, dog exclusion orders and the issuing of fixed penalty notices to enforce these orders pursuant to its powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Following the damage to the highways in the Parish over the winter months it is good to see that many of the problem areas have been repaired. The Parish Council have been advised that the Parish Lengthsman service will be in the Parish on two occasions between now and January 2010. Highway issues can be raised at any time with the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

The Milton Damerel problem of 'Flies' was on the agenda at the last meeting when it was brought to the attention of Councillors that although most areas suffer from flies from time to time which is to be expected in rural areas, some areas are suffering severe infestations and contact is being made with the appropriate authorities to understand possible causes and to try to bring about some relief for those residents so troubled.

During the period since the last report the Parish Council have been consulted on planning applications for a proposed livestock building for the housing of cattle at Elmfield, porch extension with roof alterations, conservatory and detached garage at Cross Cottage, extension and alterations to The Cottage and proposed double garage and storage facility with studio over at White Owl Cottage.

The annual return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2009 are awaiting audit and are available for inspection by Electors and their representatives until 19th June 2009 on application to the Parish Clerk. After approval by the members at the Parish Council meeting in June, the annual return will be submitted to the Audit Commission for certification.

In line with the publication scheme adopted by the Council in January, requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some information can be made available by email free of charge but paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side.

Roberta Jackson
Parish Clerk

CONGRATULATIONS!

To



Mark Bellew of Court Barton, Abbots Bickington who celebrates his 40th Birthday on 3rd August.
Steve Moyse and Kate Richardson on their engagement.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Bryan, Petula & Marie Sanders who have moved from Chapel House and now live in Holsworthy

A warm welcome to:

Jason Harper and Jamie Campbell & Joseph who have moved into East View Cottage

Steve & Sarah Weal who have moved into Chapel House as caretakers for the Methodist Church

Dave and Jill Bright who have moved into Aveleigh, Crossways

Dan Hill and Jenna Dunmore & Bradley moving into Arden, Venn Green



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who have been bereaved recently including:

John Gallagher of Verlon on the loss of his wife, Carole

Lesley & Peter Self of Tor View on the loss of Lesley's sister

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Chapel News – June 2009**Newsletter Number Forty-Nine**

We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to any-one wishing to come along to our regular services/meetings/clubs. Just come along to any events/clubs you see advertised, or if you would want to know more or have an introduction, please contact any of the leaders.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES - Sunday Club meets each Sunday with the exception of the last Sunday, when Family Services are held.

31st May 2009 will be the Sunday Club Anniversary, led by Mr Derek Andrew & the Young People, collection for Sunday Club Funds. Everyone welcome to come along and be encouraged by their enthusiasm

28th June 2009
Mrs Rachel Parson
from Tresmeer

26th July 2009
To be confirmed

30th August 2009
Mr Courtney Drew
from Holsworthy

Please also check the Junior / Youth News page for more events during the summer.

“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS – The March Tea & Cake afternoon was well supported and raised £47.66 for Devon Air Ambulance. We were also able to send £138.00 to the Children's Hospice South West. This was money raised on the stall on the day, added to the contents of a collecting jar kept at the chapel. Thank you so much for your support. Acknowledgement letters from both charities are pinned on the notice board in the chapel lobby.

Our June afternoon will be on **Saturday, 27th June from 3pm to 5pm**. There will be a book stall in aid of the Children's Hospice – we have several books but would welcome more; they can be brought along on the day.

We have also invited Bryan and Petula Sanders to come along so that we can show our appreciation of their time as our caretakers. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to an appreciation gift for Bryan & Pet, please forward/pass to Roger Daniel by 15th June.

We have also invited our new caretakers, Steve & Sarah Weal, to join us on the same occasion, so that they can be introduced and welcomed. Please come along and take this opportunity to say thank you to Bryan & Pet and to meet Steve & Sarah.

GOSPEL SPECIALS – The Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir presented another evening of delightful and evocative seasonal music and songs on Easter Sunday. In the summer, on **26th July 2009**, the Culm Valley **Crusade Choir** will be returning with another evening of gospel singing and testimony, and we hope you have made this a date in your diary to come along and join us.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. We are following a study on St Paul's letter to The Ephesians. You are very welcome to come along for discussion and join us in exploring the Christian faith – we would very much appreciate your company.

CHURCH COUNCIL – We were very sad, in March, to receive notice from Bryan and Petula Sanders, who had been our caretakers since 1995 and had loyally looked after our Chapel premises and the grass-cutting etc of the graveyard.

After advertising and interviewing for the vacancy, we are delighted to have recruited Steve and Sarah Weal, who have taken over the caretaking duties since 1st May 2009 and hope to move into Chapel House by the end of May, when some renovations and painting are complete.

A small group have spent a few afternoons removing old and dilapidated furniture and items from the old boiler house, graveyard and chapel sheds and the kitchen – and having a general tidy-up.

The Methodist Church has a process for undertaking Circuit Reviews and one of these is ongoing for our Circuit, led by senior staff of the Exeter and Plymouth District. In essence the review, through local interviews and consultations, seeks to identify our strengths and weaknesses and provide us with suggestions on how we can “do things differently” and be more relevant within our local communities. We will be sharing these ideas over the coming months, when we have received feed-back.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of June to August

JUN		JUL		AUG	
7 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	5 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	2 nd	Mrs Valerie Harris
14 th	Mrs Joanne Carter	12 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy	9 th	Circuit Rally–No Service
21 st	Mrs Grace Millman	19 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn	16 th	Mrs Mary Carter
28 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	26 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	23 rd	Mrs Anne Poole
				30 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton

For further information or help please contact:

Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, Tel: 281321; Lorna Dawe, Circuit Steward, Tel: 241279

Our Stewards: Marjorie Colwill (Tel: 281214); Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466); Lillian Luxton (Tel: 261355)

Please note: Rev David Wheeler is not available for the next 3 months – if a Minister is urgently required please contact one of the above who will be able to assist / re-direct as appropriate.

Churches News

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Milton Damerel

Rector: Father Michael Reynolds
Tel: 01409 253435

Services:

**Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds
on 4th Sunday every month at 11.30am**

John & Ann Binns have now taken over as Churchwardens

St. James Parish Church Abbots Bickington

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1100th Anniversary of Christianity in Devon

This year is the 1100th anniversary of Christianity in Devon and there are several events planned in celebration.

- * Bishops in Devon will be touring under the banner "Bishops In Mission" and will be in the Torrington & Holsworthy areas from **27th to 31st May**. Please look out for publicity on the visits and events.
- * From early June, Schools across Devon will exhibit their work in Exeter Cathedral in early June 2009 around the theme of Colours of Devon – Heaven in Devon.
- * **On 26th June** A night for youth from across Devon. Come and see the Cathedral as you've never seen it before. There will be live bands, a skate park, inflatables, food, guitar hero, prayer interactive zones, worship, DJs and loads more besides. The Archbishop of Canterbury's popping in for a chat on the sofa and then to lead everyone in worship. The event is part of NightChurch. Doors open: 7.30 pm Event: 8 – 11pm
- * **Programme for Saturday, 27th June**
 - * The Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams is celebrating and preaching at the Eucharist at 11.30 am on the Cathedral Green.
 - * Lunch stations will be available on the Cathedral Green from 1 pm.
 - * Seminars on relevant issues for God's Mission here in Devon will be on offer across the city centre from 3 - 4.30 pm.
 - * Jim Bailey will be leading an exciting multi-media and interactive children's celebration in the Bishop's Palace Garden from 2.45 - 4.45 pm open for children aged 5-11.
 - * Life on the Beach events will take place on the Cathedral Green from 2 - 5 pm.
 - * Songs of Praise, led by Judi Spiers, will take place on the Cathedral Green from 5.15 pm
 - * As part of Exeter Summer Festival, there will be an evening concert on the Green following the Songs of Praise.

BBC Radio Devon – Every weekend, BBC Radio Devon presents a Sunday Service with a range of Christian speakers from different denominations, and from churches all over the County, and there are recordings on location at special events throughout the year. All are a great opportunity to join thousands of others around the region in prayer and worship. You can hear it at 6am or 4.30pm every Sunday .. or at a time of your choosing on the BBC I-Player. The Sunday Breakfast Show with Pippa Quelch (from 6.30am) is Devon's only regular countywide religious affairs programme, focussing on faith and ethics news from around the world, and discussing how these issues affect us here in Devon. There is also a dedicated Faith section on the BBC Devon website, at www.bbc.co.uk/devon

JUNIOR / YOUTH NEWS

Milton Monsters

The Monster Club garden has been planted with various vegetables and this year we have a young helper, who will do some weeding for us and keep a general eye on things. Over the previous three months we have had a Quiz, a Beetle Drive, and in May "Scrapheap Challenge". The adults were almost as excited as the children when the evening finally arrived and we could empty our houses of piles of junk we had been collecting for weeks. We began by emptying the rubbish all over the floor. The children were divided into three teams of four. They were set the task of making the best junk "Robot". The winning team was Jasmin Wrighton, Ellie & Cara Phillips, Aiden Casserley and Daniel Dunmore, with their robot - The Iron Man. Picking a winner was extremely difficult as all the robots were brilliant. The other teams were Tia Woodhouse, Sam & Jake Martin, Owen Humphreys and Jack Hill. Thank you to all the children and helpers who made the evening such a success.

Next Monster Club - Friday, 19th June 4.45 - 6.15 pm £1 per child Tea included.

Easter Praise Party

This was another success despite the fact that we clashed with Bradworthy Playschool Egg Hunt, which meant some of our usual ones couldn't come. Ten young people did venture along and enjoyed taking part in Easter crafts, cooking (chocolate nests), short DVD clips of the Easter story as well as games, a song and snacks. A big THANKYOU to the two Mums who helped with the last party - we really appreciated it.

We hope to have another Praise Party at Harvest time, possibly on 18th October, details will be circulated. We will try to include some new things.

And for The Summer

Sunday Club Anniversary

This annual event will be held on Sunday, 31st May at 11am in the Methodist Church. Members of the Sunday Club will again help lead worship along with Derek Andrew of Shebbear. It would be lovely to have a few extra people (all ages!) turn out to listen to the Young People, who are such an important part of the Church. The collection is donated to Sunday Club Funds and is the sole fund-raiser for this during the year - the fund not only pays for resources for the Sunday Club, but supports the Annual Christmas / New Year Party and other events, such as the Praise Parties and Easter Eggs distribution.

Your support for this annual occasion is encouraged and welcomed!

Messy Church - Saturday, 4th July in the afternoon

Some will remember coming to the last one almost 2 years ago!! It was very much enjoyed by every-one, and sorry it's taken us so long to get around to having another. In case you wonder what on earth Messy Church is, the name really spells it out. Messy Church is very much based on crafts, which themselves are based on Bible Stories - the more popular and well-loved ones usually. Cooking can be included and food is always included, with a song, short epilogue or similar to round the event off. Messy Church is fun for all ages, the whole family can get involved or, of course, individuals can take part. We are all one family and it's great to share together, so every-one is welcome. Look out for more details.

Summer Holiday Club

We are looking at the possibility of opening up the Schoolrooms on Thursday afternoons during the school holidays for local children have fun together. We will be making up a rota of helpers, so far the response from adults asked has been very positive. The number of weeks the club will be held will depend on how many adults are prepared to help. We hope this will be for 6 weeks of the holidays. Activities will be craft orientated with painting, printing, modelling, glueing, etc. The club will be open to primary and secondary age groups, with tiny ones welcome, provided an adult is with them. If you are prepared to help, even if only once, please let Sheila (Tel: 261466) or Tracy (Tel: 261501) know so that we can include you. The more helpers the easier for everyone!! It is hoped to make this free to those taking part with help with funding from Monster Club and Sunday Club funds.

Bradford & Benefice Childrens' Club (BBC Club)

Runs 2nd Saturday of the month 10.30 - 11.30am for children and families. Next one on 13th June.

Also..... have had a children's banner day making simple Easter banners and hope to have another in the Autumn.

Also..... trying to organise children's club in school holidays, probably August.

Also..... By the Autumn hoping to have a Youth Group up and running - One Saturday evening per month.

For any information please contact Morag Locky 01409 281800

From the Youth Worker

The work of the Shebbear Ecumenical Youth Project continues!

For some time now it looked like the project may have been coming to an end and that I would be stepping down as the projects youth worker. Although the current phase of funding does come to an end, and my full time contract run out, I will not be leaving. I do however have a new job and as of the 25th May I will be working for Devon County Council heading up the Youth Parliament for Devon. Its great job and involves working with young people who have been elected by their peers to represent the views and opinions of young people in their area. To find out more about Youth Parliament check out their website www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk or for more specific information about Devon's Youth Parliament go to www.geturvoiceheard.co.uk.

Although this new job will take up a lot of my time, it is just four days a week, leaving me time to continue the work of the project. I will be working one day a week for the project and will be continuing to support and develop youth provision in the area. If you have any questions, queries, ideas or thoughts regarding youth work in the area please feel free to contact me, I'd love to hear from you.

Some of work I will be continuing with will be the Shebbear Young Farmers club. This is going really well, with over 40 members on the books. The club has just received its club shirts, sponsored by Bridgmans and Harpers Home Mix. The shirts look really smart and give everyone a sense of unity and pride. The club has also been down to Peters Marland School to help construct a poly tunnel which the club helped raise money for. There is always something happening with Young Farmers so to find out more visit www.shebbearyfe.co.uk or contact Dave Gubb on 07812772638.

Please do keep in touch!

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Our Highways

(A personal observation by Grace Millman)

We all have views, mainly lots of moans, about the state of our roads and by-roads, and the apparent neglect of the "council", as we observe road surfaces and verges are deteriorating year on year. The very cold conditions over the last winter turned some of the "holes and worn surfaces" into dangerous potholes and several complaints were reported to Highways by individuals and by the parish council. When I coincidentally came across the highways technician, responsible for our area, surveying the very bad conditions at Lower Walland corner, I came away with a degree of sympathy for the unending task the Highways Department has, and here is my lament on their behalf. I make no claims to be Poet Laureate and apologise in advance for my total lack of skill and technique in compiling prose.

"A Lament on behalf of Highways"

The roads and lanes we have

Were laid with broken stone in years bygone

When men wore hob-nail boots, walking and working on the roads

And slow horses and carts or carriages were the heaviest, largest loads.

The lanes were narrow and winding

The verges and ditches kept tidy and clear

The users were courteous and careful

And the hedges trimmed tidily each year.

But progress drives us on and on

We all must have a car,

The lorries are larger than houses

The farmers machines have grown beyond compare.

We drive as if people and the world around us do not matter

We drive with little respect for each other

We meet at speed, we dodge each other

And have no care for tidy verges and ditches.

But, of course, it is not "me" or "thee" who should be blamed

It is them others who let us down

The council and the council men have no idea

How to keep our roads in order and manage the repairs.

So when we drive at speed and demolish the verges as we dodge each other

When heavy vehicle drivers breakdown the edges of the road and create "death traps"

Think on ...is the state of our roads all the fault of the council and their systems

Or could it be that we are all doing our bit to worsen their condition?

A few points for reflection.....

Devon has the largest network of roads and lanes to be maintained, of all local authorities in England. Funding received by highways basically covers repairing and keeping in good order the "tarmaced" roadway, and verges and ditches are only attended to if highway safety is compromised, hence, for example, verges and hedges are only trimmed at key places. Roads are deteriorating at a faster rate than the increased funding for repairs to maintain them. For 2009/2010 Devon County Council has increased the maintenance budget by another £2million.

When repairs are needed, as apposed to large area resurfacing, the contractor is commissioned and authorised to deal with only those potholes, etc., which have been surveyed by highways – not to fill in all the holes/patches adjacent or just a few yards further along the road. We may want to criticise the system, but should not denigrate the workmen for completing only what they are contracted to do.


It is very important to report any problems – do not assume "some-one else" will!

Problems can be reported to the Parish Clerk, by telephoning 0845 155 1004, or by going online to

www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroad and select "Report a faulty road surface".

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW - UP



For more information on the Parish Plan 2008 – please refer to the Plan delivered to every household. If you have recently moved into the Parish and have not seen a copy, please contact Grace Millman (Tel: 261251) for your household copy. The Plan is also displayed on the web-site www.miltondamerel.com

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Plan, with offers of volunteering to take forward some of the tasks in the action plans, or to let us know any activities / clubs you are interested in. It is your Plan – the ambitions in it will only materialise with your help!

Housing Needs

Does Milton Damerel need more affordable housing for local people?

The parish plan survey identified there was demand amongst local people for affordable housing. However the information provided did not give the level of detailed information needed to support the development of affordable housing in the parish.

The best way to identify the exact requirements is to carry out a Parish Housing Needs Survey, and the Parish Council have commissioned the Community Council of Devon Rural Housing Officer to assist with finding out the specific requirements there are in the parish. The Community Council of Devon is a charity that works with rural communities to identify and address local housing need.

With this in mind a questionnaire will be delivered to all households during the week commencing 8th June. The survey aims to find out whether there is a need for housing, especially affordable housing, for local people in the parish.

Whether you consider yourself in need or not, the information you provide is most important, so when the form arrives **please spend a few minutes filling in the form, and then return the form in the envelope provided to CCD (no stamp is needed).**

The information provided will greatly assist the Parish Council to make the correct decision. ***Please be assured that the information you provide will remain confidential and will not be seen by parish councillors.***

If you require assistance in completing the form, or have any questions regarding affordable housing, please contact John Scott, the Rural Housing Officer at the Community Council, on 01392 383419 or email on john@devonrcc.org.uk

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CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOLDAYS IN MILTON DAMEREL IN THE LATE FIFTIES / EARLY SIXTIES

My first day at school was at just 5 years old when I was taken to Milton Damerel Schoolrooms at the beginning of the September term in 1957 – with an August birthday I definitely was the youngest at the school that day. Milton Damerel Primary School was two classrooms rented by the Devon County Education Committee from the Milton Damerel Methodist Church, and associated premises being the children's boys' and girls' toilets and the school kitchen and stores further down the lane. We had two teachers for 25 to 30 children – Mrs Whitefield, from Holsworthy taught the primary class (5 – 7 year olds) in the room which is now the chapel kitchen, and Mrs Gibby, wife of the Rector of Bradworthy / Putford, taught the juniors up to 11 years.

Dignity and privacy were not too high on the agenda in those days – for medical school examinations, pupils were required to strip down to vest and navy pants in the “communal” cloakroom area and then go into the “kitchen” classroom for examination by the school doctor and nurse. This room was also used for the regular dental examinations...without the undressing, of course!! The main classroom also served as the school “gym” and the school “canteen” – desks being pushed to one side for physical activity or two pushed together, oilcloths thrown over, with the dinners being served (dished up) from one long table along the southern wall.

In the summer on fine days, we used part of Elliott's field at the rear of the chapel for play and for sports day. Otherwise the school playground was the lane (before it was concreted!) .. and we were not permitted to use all of it .. only the area adjacent to the buildings. Both classrooms were heated by anthracite stoves, one per room – the concrete floor for the bases can still be seen, in the otherwise wooden floors, and the stoves surrounded by guard rails.

The only item of “modern” communications technology that I can recall was the large battery operated wireless, stored in a large wooden dresser / cupboard in the large classroom. Ken German called regularly to change the “wet” battery. Music relied on the piano playing skills of the teachers or an old wind-up gramophone “His Master's Voice” playing old bakelite records for such delights as Scottish reels.

There was no telephone – if there was a need to urgently contact a parent or for an emergency, a teacher or a senior pupil had to “rush” to Milton Town farm and ask to use their telephone.

Being part of the chapel premises, occasionally the schoolroom was required for chapel events – for the Sunday School Anniversary in June and the Harvest Festival celebrations in October, in addition to the Sunday services, there was High Tea and an evening service on the Monday, which meant we had the day off school. Also on the occasion of funerals held in the chapel.

In one respect I was one of the “modern” generation, I was “driven” to school everyday, but not quite door-to-door. The first part of the journey was in the tractor transport box to the end of Woodford farm lane alongside 10 gallon milk churns, which needed to be left on the milk churn stand, just opposite Rouse Villa for collection by lorry for Torridge Vale Diaries. From either Fore Street Cross or from Whitebear Cross, depending on how many children to be “picked up”, we were collected by taxi, operated by Mr Bill Sanders of Horrellsford Garage, and delivered back there in the afternoon .. but then there was no tractor ride .. it was a walk all the way home. Spring and summer gave time to enjoy the glorious nature....and wortleberries and wild strawberries and picking primroses, bluebells, red campions, etc for posies. Winter time was not so good, particularly dull, “dimmit” afternoons when the bushes took on the form of ghosts and the wind in the trees created scary and eerie sounds. In the frozen winter of 1961, the “taxi” was unable to run and for about six weeks, I think, I and others walked to school every day. Initially it was great fun – snowballing, etc., but then the snow became useless for snowballs and building snowmen.!

In a childhood where an occasional shopping trip to Bideford, or even as far as Barnstaple or Launceston, was considered to be a major day out, then the annual day school and Sunday School outings, visiting such far away locations as Paignton Zoo, Newquay or Exmouth, were enormous highlights, with two or three large coaches being booked to take as many families as possible, But not quite so exciting if such travel was accompanied with nausea and sickness!!

And what about after school? My childminders on the rare occasions that I needed to be cared for after school both lived in Fore Street – Annie Watts at 1, Fore Street and Maud Phillips at 3, Fore Street .. both of whom are remembered with great affection.

For most of the time being on a farm was a child's paradise With the changing seasons there was always something to be involved in around the farm. Being a traditional “mixed” farm then there were most types of farm animals and their young – cows, sheep, pigs, hens, ducks, dogs and cats .. and a donkey! In the spring, feeding tame lambs, or young chicks or ducklings. Occasionally, a litter of kittens would be carefully kept hidden by their mother, to escape the “beady eye” of the farmer, Dad, and when found were too old to be “disposed of”, or it was time to have another farm dog, which normally came as a puppy. Many hours spent entertaining the new kittens and puppies!

The summer brought hay-harvesting and corn harvesting – tea taken out to the men (probably about 6 – 8 men, being the farmer, son(s), farm-workers, neighbours and relatives - all helping and reciprocating when needed) working in the fields – not just tea to drink, but a full Devon tea – homemade “teddy” pasty and apple tart, saffron yeast cake, cut rounds and jam and cream. Then they worked on until late – pitching the bales on to the trailers, taking the trailers to the barn, pitching them off on to the elevator and re-stacking in the barn. I am just old enough to remember corn harvesting with the binder at Woodford and stacking the sheaves to dry in the fields ... and occasionally mouse nests with baby mice under the sheaves when it came to load them to take to the barn. No time to get bored!

The schoolroom was the location of my first piano lessons on a Saturday morning ... I cycled from Woodford to the chapel and my teacher, Celia Priest, cycled from East Wonford to the chapel ... and she “endured” for an hour trying to instil in me some elementary skills on the piano. Celia, being about 7 years older than me, was my “inspiration” as she had

progressed with passing the LRAM grades. She completed all the grades and remained a most accomplished piano player for all her life. Then at the end of the lesson, although "instructed" to go straight home I often managed to detour to one of my friends' homes – Celia Johns at Rose Cottage or Margaret Elliott at Town Farm, and occasionally managed to call in to buy sweets at Cecil Stidwell's shop, which was situated at St Nectan's, Whitebear Cross. Saturdays was also the day to meet up with another childhood friend – Linda Harris, who lived at Ley Farm – the farms adjoined and we walked across the fields to each other's home.

Sunday was a very busy day – as active members, my parents went to "church" at the chapel – morning service at 11am for all of us, home for dinner, return for Sunday School at 2.30pm, home for tea, return for evening service at 6.30pm... and all the daily farm work had to be completed around these times.

School holidays were 3 weeks for Christmas, 3 weeks for Easter and 6 - 7 weeks for summer – which, of course, were always hot sunny days!! Half-terms were normally only 2 – 3 days – not whole weeks, as now! I can only recall 2 family holidays during these school days - a long week-end on a bed and breakfast basis travelling into Cornwall and visiting Land's End, just before I started school, and about 3 years later a holiday with the Allin family (connected with Ley Farm) in Neath, visiting many areas of South Wales, with such "adventures" as the Aust ferry crossing of the Bristol channel (before either of the Severn bridges were built)! Summer trips, however, were mainly to Bude, to the beach, and particularly, to the open air pool at Summerleaze for a summer's evening swim – Dad was a good swimmer, and Roger and I were encouraged to join him. On other occasions, we met up with quite a large company of family / friends, for a "deck-chair" get-together and picnic tea.

Milton school remained open until 1972. My schooldays in Milton ended in July 1963... I was successful in passing the 11+ and was allocated a boarding school placement at Cridton. In common with many others who had spent their early schooldays at Milton, the next phase was to be boarded at one of grammar schools around the County, the education and accommodation being funded by the Education Authority, but still leaving a significant "start-up" cost for parents, not only for uniform and sports kit, but also bed-linen, towels, "mufti", etc., which duplicated that needed by the family at home. It also presented an enormous challenge to 11 year olds, for whom childhood was mainly contained within rural life within a 15 mile radius of Milton, to then meeting and living with children from all backgrounds, not only from Devon, but also from armed services, overseas work, etc., who had travelled widely in this country and abroad, and could only "fly home" once or twice a year. *Grace Millman*

A burglar broke into a house at night. He shone his torch around looking for valuables. When he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying "Jesus is watching you". He nearly jumped out of his skin, switched off his torch and froze. When he heard nothing more after a few minutes, he shook his head, promised himself a holiday after the next big score, then switched his torch back on and began to look for some more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so that he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard "Jesus is watching you". Freaked out, he shone the torch around frantically looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room his torch beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. "Yep" the parrot confessed and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you". The burglar relaxed, "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?". "Moses" replied the parrot. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?". "The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler, Jesus".

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The theme for your photo's this year will be Animals and Landscapes.

We will be sending out entry forms prior to the Fete with details of classes.

Looking forward to seeing you.

We are planning more sideshows and more entertainment for your enjoyment, we are also looking for entertainers, face painters, would you like to have a stall, could you help us on the day.

If you do want a stall or can help in any way please contact

Rose on 01409 261577 or Bev Tree on 01409 261878

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Perhaps you play an instrument be it a piano, guitar, violin, washboard, comb etc or do you sing, whistle, dance, juggle, perform acrobatics or in a team, band, rock group or involved in anything that people find interesting or amusing then your talents may be needed.

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Milton Damerel & District 'Over 60' Club

We had a successful and enjoyable 'Bring & Share Tea'; plus games organised by Mrs Iris Fry, in April. This usually takes place in February but that meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The first outing of this year was to Otter Nurseries and Seaton; it was a good day. The A.G.M. was held on 5th May when Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee were re-elected 'en bloc'. Our meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 2.30pm. New members are welcome. Further information from Mrs P. Overy 01409 361332.

Putford W.I.

The April meeting of Putford W. I. was held in the Chapel Hall when the speaker was Mrs. Lesley Taylor from Pancrusweek who brought along a large selection of her handmade jewellery beautifully made pearl necklaces, bracelets, earrings and others made of lovely coloured beads. She talked about the different quality of pearls and showed us how to make a bracelet. Lesley was thanked by Lorna Dawe. In the business part of the meeting we discussed our forthcoming trip to Marwood Gardens.

We were all delighted to have come Joint Frist in the competition at the group meeting held at Hartland. Winners of the competition for the Prettiest Brooch was Marion Woldridge, followed by Ruth Stevens and Lorna Dawe. Lorna Dawe also won the Flower of the month. Hostesses were Mary Martin and Ruth Stevens.

The speaker for May will be Irene Sharp from Pyworthy on General Health Problems, and in June we will be having an outing. In July we will again have Sandra Huxtable on Summer Flower Arrangements, so do come along and join our happy family. We will be pleased to see you. Lorna Dawe.

Coffee, Cake and Company

Coffee, cake and company will continue on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month now (not fortnightly as at first) in the Church Room at St. Michael's Shebbear from 10.00 until 12 noon. Do come and join us for refreshments, company and an opportunity to chat while knitting and playing games.

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This year's **Cider & Pasty Walk** is to be held on **Saturday, 20th June.**

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European & County Council Elections

If your name appears on the Elector Roll then you would have by now received your poll card to be able to go to the polling station at the Parish Hall on Thursday, 4th June 2009. Regrettably by the time you read this article it will be too late to request either a postal vote or a proxy vote. The UK is divided into 12 regions and elects 72 MEPs in total for the UK. The South West Region is allocated 6 MEPs. Each party can put forward up to 6 candidates to be elected for their region, and in the South West there are 16 political parties and 1 independent with a total of 93 candidates overall. The European Parliament operates proportional representation. A full list of candidates can be found on the BBC website: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8040446.stm

Milton Damerel is under the Bideford South & Hartland electoral boundary for the County Council elections. The area includes all of the parishes below.

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INCH Tony	The Liberal Party
JULIAN Robin	UK Independence Party
TEMPERLEY Humphrey	Liberal Democrats

The Parish Hall polling station will be open from 7am to 10pm and it is helpful if you take along the "Official Poll Card", but you can still vote if you do not have it with you.

MILTON DAMEREL GARDENING SOCIETY.

The Societies first meeting was held on a bitterly cold night in January, even so some 20 people attended and were entertained by Edgar Pett talking about the clearance of overgrown ground and hedge laying which he ably demonstrated using a 'portable hedge' he had constructed especially for the night.

Februarys meeting was snowed off and rearranged for April.

In March Anne Binns gave us an insight into the problems our indigenous bees are facing with details of remedial methods being used to prevent the disaster that a diminished population would bring to all our crops.

Attendance increased to 30 in April who listened to Bill Wrighton describing some of the changes he has witnessed in horticulture over the last 40 years, Bill again did the talking in May when he answered several questions that had been submitted including those on the care and pruning of Clematis, acid loving plants, how to alter soil PH, simple methods of propagation and then answered questions from the floor.

THE FUTURE

The committee has agreed that we should try to be as diverse as possible in our choice of speakers whose selection will be based on their possible interest to a rural community rather than restricted to just gardening.

Our June speaker is a good example of this diversity being Glyn Bradbury the area ranger from Cookworthy Forest Centre who will talk about all aspects of the Forestry Commissions work including how the forests are used and maintained, what trees are planted, what wild-life frequents them etc.

There are no meetings in July, August or September but Bill Wrighton is inviting everyone to a Garden Party at his home on 1st August where food and drinks will be sold in aid of club funds, see our events notice elsewhere in the Newsletter for September.

Details to be finalized but arrangements are being made for the autumn as follows :-

October – Nick Oliver from St Johns Garden Centre to talk to us about 'Autumn Planting and Interest.

November - the ambassador from The British Trust for Ornithology to talk about birds that frequent our gardens what they feed on and how we can supplement their diet.

December- the care of seasonal pot plants Poinsettias, Cyclamen etc with a Christmas theme to include mince pies and mulled wine.

Society membership is open to everyone at £5 per year, entrance to meetings is £1 for members, £2 for all others to include light refreshments.

GARDENING THROUGH THE SUMMER

That was a hard winter I recorded -11 c. in my garden, the cold rolls down towards the river, I lost a lot of plants including the Mimosa tree, young Olive and the large very expensive Lemon tree which was in the tunnel but polythene only gives a couple of degrees of protection and lemons won't survive below -5 c.

But back to the beginning of June, if you haven't already done so you should plant runner beans, tomatoes, marrows, cucumbers, peppers urgently, it may be a little late but they will only be slightly behind earlier plantings and may even catch up.

Tomatoes need to be fed as soon as the first truss flowers using a good quality liquid food applied weekly at first gradually increasing to as much as three times a week in September, should we have any dry spells do remember to water runner beans, if the plants dry out the crop can be inedible.

WILD MEADOWS

Most of the verges around us including my drive are a haven of wild flowers which seed companies advocate cutting in May but I feel this is too early, many species are still in flower and the naturalised bulbs have not had long enough to regain their strength to flower next year.

Weather permitting I hope to trim my banks in the first half of June then again in late September this should allow the foliage time to grow in both the summer and winter gaining the strength to give a magnificent display next spring.

Many herbaceous plants should be cut back as soon as the flowers fade, Lupins, Delphiniums etc. and they will normally produce a second albeit smaller crop of flowers late in the summer, a bonus not to be missed.

LAWNS

The best way to improve a lawn is to mow regularly, I have seen meadows turned into reasonable lawns in just a few months by weekly mowing gradually reducing the height of the cut from 75 mm. down to 18mm, conversely I have seen a greens quality lawn ruined by the owner going on three weeks holiday in June without arranging any mowing, it took 12 months to get back to it's previous pristine condition.

My lawn is not growing very quickly and I feel it is looking a bit yellow so I intend to give it a feed during June and because of a gradually increasing crop of weeds in the grass I will use a combined feed, weed and moss killer such as Evergreen which I have high hopes of working wonders !!!

In the past I have advocated using Growmore as a general cheap fertilizer which just shows how behind times I am a 25 kg. bag now cost upwards of £20 and is much dearer than the traditionally dearer Bone Meal.

If you don't want to feed the lawn but still have a weed problem the easiest remedy is one of the liquid killers such as Verdone or Supertox which are very easy to apply in a watering can and do an excellent job, similarly Mosstox and similar products will kill moss but it will return if you don't change the soil condition usually by applying lime to decrease the acidity.

Bill Wrighton

MILTON DAMEREL GARDEN SHOW **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 2009**

The garden show is a fun event with such a wide variety of classes that everyone should be able to find something they can enter from a photograph to a giant vegetable, home baking to a flower arrangement and at only 20p an entry it is very affordable.

There are seven children's classes catering for their creative abilities as well as gardening skills, a monster made from vegetables must be an inspiration to a young mind.

The full list of classes and entry forms are available from any of the following committee members:

John Binns

Edgar Pett

Nicola Wrighton

Bill Wrighton

By e-mail at mdgs1@live.co.uk

Or send an SAE to MDGS, c/o Northtown Farm, Milton Damerel, EX22 7DN

Entries must be delivered to the Parish Hall between 9 and 11am on the day.

Judging will be completed by 1pm when the doors will open and light refreshments made available.

Prize giving and raffle draw will take place at 2.30pm.

PARISH HALL NEWS EVENTS REPORT

We would like to thank every-one for supporting our events. All extra income is greatly needed.

Family Social – 21st February 2009 An enjoyable evening. Edgar and John did an excellent job with games and the S.L.S Allstars with the music. Donation of £20 was given. Profit £41.50.

Whist Drive – 20th March 2009 Profit £33. It would be nice to have a few more people. If anyone would like to learn, Sara would be happy to have a Whist drive training afternoon at her home (tel: 261105)

Wine & Wisdom – 28th March 2009 Another enjoyable evening. The questions were a bit easier ! (for us who usually come bottom, 2nd from bottom this time). Profit £195.70. Much appreciation is given to David and Chris Dyer for the questions and travelling from Dulverton, Somerset to be with us.

Beetle Drive - 4th April 2009 This was our best ever for an enjoyable evening for all the family. The children soon got the swing of things and the evening went very quickly. Highest score – Helen Poole, 2nd – Julia Goaman and grandson, Archie, lowest child – Isabelle Casserly. Profit £90.

FUTURE EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 4th June 2009 10am to Noon at Michael & Roberta Jacksons, Westfields, Venn Green, Milton Damerel. £1 including refreshments, Bring & Buy Stall. Raffle.

Cider & Pasty Walk - 4th July 2009 Start at Roger and Sara Lawes, The Barn, East Wonford, any time from 2.30 to 4.30pm. £6. PLEASE BOOK – Sara 261105.

Skittle Fun Night – 5th September 2009 For all the family. Start 7.00pm Doors open 6.30pm for practice. Teams of two. £1.50 adults, £1.00 child, 11years of age and under. Refreshments available. B>Y>O> Wine / Beer.

PARISH HALL A.G.M. – 17th September 2009 7.30pm. All welcome. We are always looking for new members.

CRAFT / HOBBIES

There were only a couple of people interested in the Craft/Hobbies evening. This will be reconsidered for the Autumn. Please can you give this some thought. We're sure that there must be more local people with hobbies and collections. It will be on the lines of displaying / demonstrating, possibly selling. All considered i.e. Card Making, Flower Arranging, Crochet, Sewing, Model Making, Wood Turning and any other Handicrafts, which parishioners may find interesting to others. Please enquire – Lesley 261294.

Chairman:	Edgar Pett	261277
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LINE DANCING

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Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248

Concerts in the area

Saturday 13th June : Shebbear Circuit Choir 7.30 p.m. at Lake Chapel – a concert in aid of the North Devon Hospice in their 25th Year

Monday 22nd June : Okehampton Choral Society 7.30 p.m. at Black Torrington Parish Church – tickets from 01409 231209 or 01409 231635

Saturday 8th August ; Concert at Black Torrington – further details from phone numbers above.

MILTON DAMEREL LADIES SKITTLES

Milton Damerel Ladies Skittles team are needing two new **REGULAR** players for next season, to play in the Holsworthy Ladies Skittles League. We have reserves for when needed. Above age 12 is allowed to play in this league. Our match games are played on Thursdays and we start our match games again the end of September until the middle of March. A League Cup Match is played on a Saturday in March, which you must be available for. No experience necessary, just the willingness to play. If interested and would like more information, please contact:- LESLEY 261 294.

LINEDANCING AT MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL

A small group (4, sometimes 6) still meet on Tuesdays at 7o' clock, at the Parish Hall for Linedancing. We all enjoy going for the dancing, a bit of exercise and of course a chat. It would be nice if we had a few more people to join us. It's not hard to learn, so please don't think, that you won't be able to do it. We've plodded on for several years now and would enjoy having a larger group.

For more information please contact:- LESLEY 261 294

Farmers' Market 30th May in Shebbear Village Hall

As part of the celebrations of 1100 years of Christianity in Devon Bishop Bob will be visiting Shebbear on the morning of Saturday 30th May there will be a Farmers' Market in Shebbear village Hall commencing at 10.00 a.m. Over 15 stalls selling locally produced food and other items will be there so do please come and support them. Tea, coffee and cake will be served – donations to Farm Crisis Network, and at 11.00 a.m. Bishop Bob and the Chairman of the District will be there from 11.00 a.m. so do come and meet them.

There will be an ecumenical service at St. Michael's Shebbear at 7.30 on the Saturday 30th May when among the contributors to the proceedings will be Rock Solid and the Shebbear Circuit Choir..

Bishop Bob will be at the Plough in Torrington on Sunday 31st May at 4.00 p.m.

Shebbear and District Riding Club

The Shebbear and District Riding Club has been in existence for over a quarter of a century and we are still going strong. We have a cross section of members, from children on lead reins to the more adventurous who compete in various equine disciplines, people who have an interest but do not own a equine friend are equally welcome.

Each year we put on a variety of events, from talks, demonstrations and social evenings to our dressage competition, jumping, fun ride and an Annual Show. We encourage younger members to participate to their best abilities and to gain confidence whilst riding.

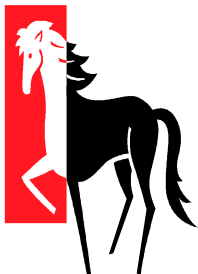
Most of our events are combined with either a barbeque or 'bring and share' lunch and everyone from the wider family circle is invited to participate.

This year we intend to form a show jumping team to represent the club at various events in Devon and Cornwall and also a dressage team to do the same. Our aim is to have **fun** and enjoy riding at all levels.

We are a very friendly club and welcome anyone with an interest.

The contact numbers for 2009 are as follows.

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Treasurer	Di Quance	01409 281473
Secretary	Jill Wiltshire	01409 261216



*Police Co-ordinators*

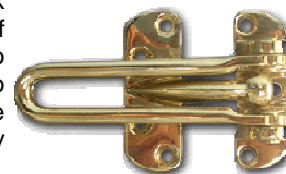
PCSO 30099 - Raquel Rowe } Holsworthy Pol. St.
 PCSO 30103 - Beverley Harvey } Tel: 01409 259461

Local Co-ordinators

Strawberry Bank: Roger Copp - Tel. 261681
 Gratton: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
 Whitebear/Fore Street: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Our police co-ordinators were the guest speakers at the recent Annual Parish Meeting and gave a talk covering the different aspects of making your property secure. This was illustrated with samples of simple and cheap equipment that can be used on different aspects around the home. For anybody who was not able to attend the meeting and may be concerned about security, the PCSO's are prepared to come to your home or place of business to give an appraisal specific to your premises. This would be by appointment and if you wish to take up this free offer the PCSO's should be contacted at Holsworthy Police Station to make arrangements.



With the onset of better weather the police tell us that they are seeing an increase in bogus caller type crimes. This is when somebody comes to the door, possibly with an accomplice and pretending to work for a utility company or something similar, with the aim of trying to gain access to your property with the intent of stealing whilst you are distracted. We have raised this matter before with this type of crime on the increase in Holsworthy and the other surrounding towns it is best to be on our guard. Two useful pieces of equipment are the 'door chain' and the 'door bar' which are illustrated below. These are not meant to be a substitute for locks and bolts but will allow you to make contact with a caller until you have confirmed his identity. Also, without one of these devices, if you open the door and somebody barges their way in, this is not a criminal act and is only classed as trespass. With either a chain or bar and the caller barges in, breaking the equipment to gain access, then this is actually classed as breaking and entering, a criminal offence and treated far more seriously by the police. Either of these items cost only a few pounds to purchase from a hardware shop and are well worth the money.

**HOLSWORTHY POLICE STATION OPENING HOURS**

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- * Hand tools from Ashwater
- * Powered Saw, Chain Saw, and Power Tools from Bradworthy
- * Box of Various Hand Tools, Chain Saw, Car accessories, Compressor on Wheels, Oxycetiline Welding Instruments, Cordless power drills from Milton Damarel

Theft of power tools is still ongoing. We can prevent this by making sure that your property is identifiable. Mark it by putting your postcode and keep serial numbers. This will enable to improve the chances of identification in the event that you suffer loss or a criminal act.

Please place your valuable things away from onlookers. Majority of this crime that has been committed was due to the facts that these culprits had pretended to walk around the vicinity where you live and vulnerable parts of properties.

Obviously they have well planned it? So, please be aware to keep your things locked and place property away from onlookers. I would advise people to be vigilant; keep a record of the make, model and serial numbers.

Since we live in a very rural location we are so vulnerable of such crimes. In recent weeks power tools were stolen from a shed, which occurred during the day when the occupants were at work.

Remember:

The theft of possessions occurs to obtain cash or items that can easily be sold on. By marking your possessions you will deter thieves, decrease the opportunity for it to be sold on and increase the ability for thieves to be caught.

More information can be found at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/marking

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Digital Switchover

The latest information from Digitaluk:

The Switchover Dates for the two transmitters providing TV signal in this area are:

Huntshaw Cross – North Devon – Stage One – 1st July

- Stage Two – 29th July

Caradon Hill – Plymouth, parts of Devon – Stage One – 12th August

- Stage Two – 9th September

Switchover happens in two stages:

Stage One – analogue BBC Two is turned off and some BBC digital channels become available

Stage Two – all the analogue channels are turned off and the remaining digital channels become available.

Need to re-tune at both stages:

Viewers with Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV will need to re-tune equipment at each switchover stage or channels will be lost.

At each stage TV services will cease after midnight. They resume at 6am for most homes but not until late afternoon for others, so this is when you should re-tune your equipment.

A leaflet “Re-tuning your TV equipment for the digital switchover” Describes how to do this. Also telephone 08456 50 50 50 or go online to www.digital.co.uk/retuning

Switchover Help Scheme – Eligible people should have received information about the Help Scheme direct from the sponsors; however, many not replied. If you are aged over 75 or entitled to certain disability benefits, then some assistance may be available and more information is available by telephoning 0800 40 85 900



Two Local Ladies are participating in the "Race for Life" at Killerton House, Exeter, on the 5th of July 2009.

Sarah Harper of the Crossways and Sally Cotgrove of Berry Farm are joining thousands of women in the UK in raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Every penny raised through being sponsored for Race for Life is important because it all goes to fund the dedicated work that is helping to beat cancer.

There are over 200 different types of cancers that need to be researched and Cancer Research UK has dedicated itself to do just that. The money raised through Race for Life goes toward helping make life-saving advances such as:

- Earlier diagnosis - CR UK performed some of the earliest studies of cervical screening, creating the UK's first cervical screening programme which helps to save thousands of lives every year.
- CR UK showed that mammography could detect breast cancer early. Today the national breast screening programme saves thousands of lives every year.
- New treatments – CR UK played a vital part in providing the benefits of tamoxifen after surgery for breast cancer. This led to major breakthrough in the way the disease is treated, significantly improving survival rates.
- CR UK discovered and developed the drug carboplatin which is now widely used in the treatment of ovarian cancer. It is also used to treat head and neck cancer and lung cancer.
- Prevention – CR UK campaigned for the smoke-free legislation that was brought in across the UK in 2007, making workplaces and enclosed public spaces healthier.

Information – CR UK launched Cancer Help UK online on 1995 – a comprehensive website providing information for patients, families and friends, as well as allowing people affected by cancer to share their stories. Simply go to www.cancerhelp.org.uk to see for yourself.

If anyone would like to sponsor us, and we would be very grateful if you could! Please fill in the following and either post in The Crossways letter box, Berry Farm letter Box or we can collect on phoning 261473 (Sarah)

Thank you in anticipation.

<u>Your Name</u>	<u>Your Postcode</u>	<u>Your Address</u>
<u>Amount Sponsored</u>	<u>Gift Aid (please tick this means CR can claim back Tax at no cost to you)</u>	
<u>Sponsorship for Sally Cotgrove or Sarah Harper (Please delete as appropriate)</u>		
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Eyes down look in...

The fete committee would like to thank everyone who helped to organise, support and donate prizes for the Bingo. Also Peter and Shirley Pentney for their donations, help and also to Jenny and Paul.

The evening was a great success with 53 people attending.

After deductions we made £111.20. Thank you



Open Farm Sunday
7th June 2009

Visit a farm on Open Farm Sunday and discover the story behind our food. A day for everyone to meet the people who grow our food and care for our countryside. Come and explore the links between our food and nature, on Open Farm Sunday!

Farms are opening up all over the country and organising lots of fun activities including tractor and trailer rides, machinery demonstrations, food tastings, mini beast hunts, nature trails and lots more!

So pull on your wellies and come and enjoy a fun day out for all the family at your local farm!

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We stock a large range of Ruby Country and local crafts & gifts including jewellery, cards, puppets & pet housing as well as our own sheep skins and we have a large range of baskets to put together individual hampers from as little as £4.99

Come and see us at Blackberry Farm, Milton Damerel just off the A388 (Venn Green). We have plenty of parking, lots of friendly animals, and you can enjoy a range of homemade food from a cream tea to a traditional pasty in our tearoom.

We also have a new shop at Woodford Bridge where everyone is welcome.
 We are open Monday to Saturday 9am to 1pm and **Sundays 3pm - 7pm**

www.lizzyslarder.co.uk

The Newsletter Group report on the finances for 2008 is shown below. A sincere thank you to all businesses, which have supported us by taking advertising space; to the Parish Council for the annual grant; and to those who have supported our fund-raising events and have made personal donations. Our thanks also to Nicky Wrighton for independent examination of the accounts and records.

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2008.

	£.	£.
Receipts during 2008:		
Advertising	441.50	
Personal donations	65.00	
Grant – Parish Council	80.00	
Fund-raising: Coffee Morning	54.70	
Evening Walk & BBQ	54.00	
Scarecrow Competition	26.19	
Subscriptions for Newsletter	<u>10.00</u>	
		731.39
Payments during 2008:		
Printing	337.50 ⁽¹⁾	
Book Tokens for competition	<u>20.00</u>	
		<u>357.50</u>
<u>Net gain for the year</u>		<u>373.89</u>

Funds in hand at 1st January 2008:

HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	566.64
Cash & Cheques held	75.50
Total	642.14

Add net gain for year 373.89

Funds in hand at 31st December 2008 **1016.03**

At bank in HSBC Treasurer's Account	906.03
Cash & Cheques held.....	110.00

Notes: (1) Printing costs of £180.00 for December 2008 edition not paid until January 2009.

The recent Coffee Morning held at Bridge Cottage raised £51.30. Thank you to Margaret for hosting us, and to Roger for “entertaining” their dogs in the barn! And thank you to every-one who came along and gifts for the Bring and Buy and Raffle.

The newsletters group members are:

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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be emailed to mdnews@miltondamerel.com or to any of us individually. Our correspondence address is Chapel View, Milton Damerel, EX22 7PB. We want to hear from you with letters for inclusion, topical issues, features you like and also changes to improve the content and style for future editions. We also need every-one to let us know special birthdays, births, anniversaries, and other congratulations. Also tributes to parish residents.

Advertisements

Conditions of acceptance. Orders for insertion of advertisements in this newsletter are subject to the approval of the members who may refuse or alter any copy. The newsletter and the members:- a) accept no liability for any loss or damage caused by an error or inaccuracy in the printing of any advertisement. b) Shall not be liable for any loss caused by the failure of the advertisement to appear on any particular day, in any specified position or page or by its failure to appear at all, and they reserve the right to refuse to continue its publication regardless of terms and conditions of any order or contract. Trades Descriptions Act 1968—All traders are reminded of the needs to ensure that goods offered for sale by advertisements comply with all relevant provisions of the above mentioned act.

To advertise in this newsletter contact Margaret on 01409 261486 for more details.

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 21st August 2009

WHAT'S ON .. a selection from local arts...

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
"Every Other Evening"	Thursday, 17 th – 19 th September Thursday, 24 th – 26 th September @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S Theatre, Holsworthy Tel: 01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
Film (12A) Is There Anybody There?	Sunday, 14 th June @ 8pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.plough-arts.org
Film (PG) Coraline	Thursday, 30 th July @ 8pm Thursday, 30 th July - Saturday, 1 st August @ 2pm	
The Cygnet Company present The Tempest by William Shakespeare	Wednesday 3 rd June @ 8pm	
Illyria present Mowgli by Rudyard Kipling. The Mowgli Stories Adapted from The Jungle Books by Rudyard Kipling	Saturday, 30 th June @ 7.30pm	
Family Comedy Afternoon Kidding Around with Patrick Monahan (Age 6 to 96)	Saturday, 27 th June @ 5pm	
Puppetcraft presents The Tin Forest	Wednesday, 1 st July @ 11am & 1.45pm	
Inspire..the Performance Local school and youth dance groups	Friday, 10 th July @ 8pm	
The Senior Plough Youth Theatre proudly present the classic musical Oklahoma by Ricard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstain	Wednesday, 15 th – Saturday, 18 th July @ 7.30pm Saturday also @ 2.30pm	
Illyria present A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare	Wednesday, 29 th July @ 7.30pm	
Art Exhibitions:		
Art on Friday The Friday Art Group	5 th – 27 th June	
Back to Black Paul Lewin	3 rd July to 1 st August	
Ilfracombe, Seaweed, Gosse & George Eliot Peter Styles	7 th – 29 th August	
Workshops:		
Textile Jewellery with Karen Howse	Saturday, 20 th June 10am – 4pm	
Music Collage & Paper Sculpture with Rosie Burns	Saturday, 4 th July 10am – 4pm	
Printing for Children with Simon Ripley	Tuesday, 28 th July 10am – 4pm	
Kite Making Workshop with Pippa Jenkins (Parkham Village Hall)	Monday, 10 th August 10 – 12.30pm 1 - 3.30pm	
Textile Pictures with Jill Denton	Wednesday, 12 th August 10.30 – 1pm	
Textile Pictures for Younger Children With Jill Denton	Wednesday, 12 th August 2 – 4pm	
Carbaret	Monday, 15 th – Saturday, 20 th June @ 2.30pm & 7.30pm	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition performed by English National Ballet	Friday, 3 rd July @ 6pm Saturday, 4 th July @ 11am, 2pm & 5pm	
The Wizard of Oz A Braunton Presentation Production	Tuesday, 7 th - Saturday, 11 th July @ 7.30pm. Saturday @ 2.30pm	
Dance 2009 Presented by Sarah Anne Westcott Dance & Performing Arts Studio	Saturday, 18 th July @ 2pm & 7pm	
Young Stars of the Future	Saturday, 25 th July @ 7pm	

What's on Diary

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Coffee Morning	4th June 10am - 12pm	18
European and County Council Elections	4th June	15
Open Farm Sunday	7th June	23
Shebbear Circuit Choir	13th June	18
Monster Club	19th June, 4.45 - 6.15	6
Midsummer Nights Dream	20th June, 10.00 - 3.00	11
Cider & Pasty Walk	20th June, 5pm - 7pm	14
Okehampton Choral Society	22nd June	18
1100th Anniversary of Christianity	26th & 27th June	5
Tea & Cake afternoon	27th June 3pm - 5pm	4
Cider and Pasty Walk	4th July	18
Messy Church	4th July	6
Milton Damerel Fete	18th July 1-6	12
Gospel Specials	26th July	4
Garden Party	1st August	16
Concert at Black Torrington	8th August	18
Skittles Fun Night	5th September	18
Garden Show	12th September	17
Parish Hall AGM	17th September	18

Regular Events

Line dancing	Tuesdays 7-9pm	19
MD & District over 60's Club	1st Tuesday of each month	14
Coffee, cake and company, Shebbear	1st & 3rd Fridays	14
Prayer & Bible Study	Monday Evenings, 7.30pm	4

Missing local events?

Why not detach this diary from the main newsletter and put it somewhere where you can see it, perhaps on your fridge or on your pin board.

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